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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the final Office Action dated March 10, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed September 5, 2003. A five month petition for extension of time extending the time for response from November 5, 2003 to April 5, 2004 is filed herewith, as well as a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.